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E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/79

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES R.)

SUBJECT: CALL ON FONMIN VAN DER STOEL

REF: THE HAGUE 4751 AND SUNDBERG/LLOYD TELECON

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AT 9:00 AM., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7.

2. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT VAN DER STOEL'S PRIMARY INTEREST WILL BE IN HEARING FROM THE SECRETARY LATEST WASHINGTON THINKING REGARDING PROGRESS TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE ARABS HAVE CONDITIONED LIFTING OF THEIR EMBARGO OF OIL TO HOLLAND ON ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. VAN DER STOEL UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO WOULD WELCOME SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT ON ALLIED SECURITY INTERESTS OF CONTINUED ARAB DENIAL OF OIL TO US AND NETHS.

3. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY TAKE OCCASION TO EXPRESS US APPRECIATION FOR POSITION DUTCH HAVE TAKEN DURING MIDDLE
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EAST CRISIS. IN THE FACE OF THE STRONG ARAB CRITICISM AND OIL

MEASURES, DUTCH GOVT 1) HAS STUCK TO ITS SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BASED ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242: 2) RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO US PRESENTATION IN NATO CALLING FOR ALLIED SOLIDARITY IN THE CRISIS, 3) OFFERED TO SUPPLY CONTINGENT TO UNEF, AND 4) TOLD US THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF THE US NEEDED OVERFLIGHT/LANDING RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR SUPPORT OF THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE. AN EXPRESSION OF US APPRECIATION WOULD BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME AT A TIME WHEN THE DUTCH ARE WORRIED AND ISOLATED.

4. VAN DER STOEL MAY REFER TO THE ON-GOING US-EUROPEAN EFFORTS TO PRODUCE DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ATLANTIC RELATIONS IN NATO AND BETWEEN US AND THE EEC. A REITERATION BY THE SECRETARY OF US SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR, THANKS IN PART TO DUTCH EFFORTS, WOULD ENCOURAGE THE DUTCH TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE, BOTH IN NATO AND IN THE US-EEC DISCUSSIONS.
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